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Hongkong, May 31, 1904


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Hongkong, April 25, 1904.

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NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Provisions of No. 121, of the Articles of Association, the General Agents have this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of 5% for the Half-year ending 30th June, 1904, on the PAID-UP CAPITAL.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS, payable on MONDAY, the 29th August, will be sent to Shareholders on application to the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th to 28th inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 9, 1904.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, July 28, 1904.

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Hongkong, April 24, 1900.

## Intimations.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND  
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 10 PER CENT or \$1.50 PER SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders, held this day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after WEDNESDAY, the 17th August, 1904.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the OFFICE of the COMPANY for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 16, 1904.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of AUGUST next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1904.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
(Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 30, 1904.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 6th, to the 20th day of AUGUST next, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
(Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 30, 1904.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Buildings, 8, Onaght Road, on MONDAY, the 22nd August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 30, 1904.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

A MEETING of Subscribers to the Subscription GRIFFIN LIST will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on MONDAY next, 22nd instant, at 4 p.m.

Members who wish to put their names down and have not already done so will oblige by sending in to the Undersigned before that date.

By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, August 16, 1904.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, will be held at Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co's OFFICES, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of August, 1904, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon, when the subjoined resolutions will be proposed:—

Should the said resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second Extraordinary meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 by the creation of 10,000 new shares of \$50 each.

2. That such new shares be issued at a premium of \$30 per share and be offered to those persons who are registered as shareholders of the Company on 1st October, 1904, in the proportion of one new share for every complete three shares held by them on 1st October 1904.

3. That the amount due for the new shares be called up on 31st December, 1904.

Dated the 10th August, 1904.

By Order of the Board,  
EDWARD OSBORNE,  
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O. H. GRACE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, June 2, 1904.

## VICEROY Versus VICEROY.

A Wuchang dispatch reports that General Liu Kuang-t'ai, who lately commanded a large body of troops in Kwangsi province and who has been denounced to the Throne by Viceroy Ts'eh Ch'an-hsien on the charge of inability to keep proper control over his men, has been recommended, on the other hand, to the Throne by Viceroy Chang Chih-tung, who asks that the General may be allowed to come to the Hukwang provinces. The reason is that Viceroy Chang Chih-tung fears that the Kwangsi rebels may break into Hunan province, and having great confidence in General Liu Kuang-t'ai, wants him to take command of a strong body of Hukwang troops who are to encamp on the Hunan-Kwangsi borders, to prevent the Kwangsi rebels from repeating their raid of last year. Thus we find the curious spectacle of one Viceroy denouncing a high military officer and another Viceroy declaring that he has great confidence in the denounced officer, to the extent of committing to him the important task of leading a large province free from the invasion of rebellious insurgents.

A MOMENTOUS CONVERSATION.

Mr. Lessar is credited with having said the other day, during a call upon Prince Ching:—Your Highness must know that this war of Russia with Japan was entirely due to the headstrong wishes and personal desires of three military officers of H. I. M. the Czar, resulting in the present disastrous fiasco. (His Excellency had apparently forgotten his declaration to the same Prince when the war broke out—'Just wait, your Highness, and see how we shall deal with these presumptuous Japs. Why, we shall simply smother these little men by the mere pressure of our huge armies, who will sweep them off from the face of the earth as easily as one would turn over the palm of his hand.') Continuing, the Russian Minister is reported to have said to Prince Ching: 'The successive defeats our arms have suffered from the Japanese since the commencement of hostilities make me feel ashamed to remain here. Indeed, I may say this to your Highness, that as regards the late treaty between Russia and China, the fact is that Russia first broke faith and we cannot therefore complain if China does not herself keep faith in the future.' The reported conversation has given much food for thought to all enlightened Chinese, for in it they see, in this very humility of the erstwhile 'extraordinary' Muscovite (in his dealings with the Chinese Minister of the Crown), a bait temptingly dangled before the eyes of the Chinese War Party, that is to say, those who wish China to throw in her lot with Japan in this war, to induce China to break her hitherto strictly-kept neutrality and so give the excuse to the Russian armies to swarm into Manchuria by way of the rich Chinese provinces on the one hand, and on the other, to permit Russia to call upon France to assist her according to the terms of the dual alliance.

An Anti-foreign Company.

By permission of the Governor of Honan some wealthy Chinese merchants have established a China Porcelain company at Yu-chow to make porcelain for both foreign and Chinese markets. The capital will be Tls. 100,000 at Tls. 50 per share, but they are reserved strictly for Chinese, and shares will be confiscated if the holders sell them to any foreigners. The Government has opened an industrial and art school at Ho-nai-hsien to train Chinese youths. This institution will be under the control of Taotai Han Chih-shih. The Government has also opened an office of commerce, agriculture and industry at Kai-feng; a police force has also been organized, and a military and three civil colleges have been opened in the same province.

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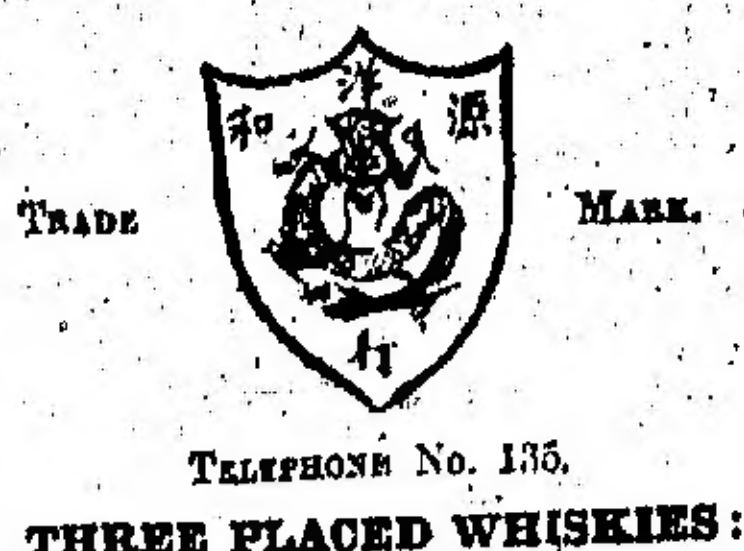
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Rooms.2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundry House-  
hold Furniture, &c., at Messrs Hughes  
& Hough's Sales Rooms.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, August 19:—  
Goods per *Munche* unclaimed after this  
date at Noon will be subject to rent  
and landing charges.SATURDAY, August 20:—  
Noon—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-  
poration, at the City Hall.2.30 p.m.—Auction of Silk Embroidered  
Bedcovers, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lam-  
mer's Sales Rooms.MONDAY, August 22:—  
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Wham-  
poon Dock Co., Ltd., at the Company's  
Office.3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the  
Public Works Department's Office.1 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Jockey  
Club at Hongkong Hotel.SATURDAY, August 27:—  
Meeting of Hongkong Gymkhana Club  
at Happy Valley.WEDNESDAY, August 31:—  
12.15—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & God-  
down Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine,  
Matheson & Company's Office.WEDNESDAY, September 28:—  
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## DEATH.

At the Government Civil Hospital, this  
afternoon, HAROLD CLARKE, of Carmichael  
& Clarke. The funeral will pass the  
Monument at 5 p.m. to-morrow, Thursday.  
The publication of this issue commenced  
at 5.40 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1904.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

To-morrow the Emperor  
of Austria and King  
of Hungary celebrates  
the anniversary of his  
74th birthday. The  
occasion should be auspicious in many  
ways. After the King of Denmark  
Francis Joseph is to-day the oldest  
monarch in Europe, but not alone this,  
he may also be said to be the most  
experienced ruler of peoples and nations  
on the old continent. During his reign  
Austria-Hungary has become a consti-  
tutional and modern monarchy, and  
has been transformed from a purely  
agricultural country to that of a  
highly-developed centre of industrial  
and commercial enterprise. Many  
personal misfortunes have struck the  
ruler of this monarchy during his long  
reign, and several heavy reverses have be-  
fallen Austria-Hungary during the past  
century. But from all her troubles the  
empire has emerged with new vigour,  
and the hardships and difficulties seem  
to have done good inasmuch as they have  
served to consolidate the ties between  
the Emperor and his people, and con-  
centrate the forces and strength of the  
country. Nineteen different nationalities  
are to be counted within the vast  
territory of the Hapsburgian monarchy,  
and the last decades have developed  
many of the passionate aspirations of  
these heterogeneous nationalities for self  
government and autonomy. This state  
of affairs consequently causes many  
people outside of Austria-Hungary to  
view the future with alarm, and there  
are not a few who are of opinion that  
the national troubles must bring  
the empire to a state of disruption very  
soon. But in the unwearied endeavours  
to equalize and arrange the aspirations  
of these varied peoples, the wisdom of  
the Emperor and his Government has  
had a marked effect and the tranquillity  
which shows signs of becoming perma-  
nent proves that the fears of the pes-  
simists are somewhat exaggerated. The  
best proof of this was perhaps given by  
the recent voting of the extraordinary  
large military credits the Minister for  
War needed for the reorganization of  
the artillery and the development of  
the navy. This enormous amount of  
money—the demand for which aston-  
ished the outside powers—was voted by  
the Delegation of the Parliaments with-  
out any opposition, and at a time when  
the agitation of the different peoples  
was most acute and when there was a  
protracted inactivity of Parliament in  
consequence of that agitation. It show-  
ed, at all events, that notwithstanding  
the national graveness the inhabitants  
of the monarchy realised full well what  
was necessary to sustain the integrity  
of their country and dynasty. *Si vis pacem, para bellum*. Nothing  
is more true than this axiom in view  
of the desperate war which is raging in  
the north at present. Although Austria-  
Hungary is not engaged in the politics  
of the Far East she must watch closely  
the effect such a war may have upon  
the Near East, and must fulfil the  
mandate received by all the other  
powers of Europe, together with Russia,  
to protect the Christian nationalities on  
the Balkan Peninsula and to further  
and foster order and civilisation there.  
Practically the Hapsburgian empire  
stands as the sentinel to-day where she  
stood centuries ago when she repulsed  
the Turkish invasion and saved Chris-  
tianity and civilisation. The task is an  
arduous one, but in the execution of it  
—which is rendered increasingly diffi-  
cult by the manner in which the action  
of Russia is hampered in the Balkans  
by the war in the north—Austria-  
Hungary is acting only for the benefit  
of all the other European powers, and  
is in agreement also with Great Britain.  
The integrity of the Hapsburgian  
monarchy is to-day a necessity such as  
has never before been felt, and it is to  
be hoped that the noble and venerable  
ruler who to-morrow marks off another  
year of life, will enjoy for many years  
yet the health and admirable vigour  
which enables him to rule over his  
people with a kindly paternal hand.

STEARNS' HEAD, CHE-CHUE, Cures  
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## Water Polo Shield Competition.

At the Victoria Recreation Club,  
Kowloon, the first game in the Water Polo  
Shield Competition is to take place between  
V.R.C. 'B' team and 'C' team. The  
match is to start at 5.30.

## Telegrams to the North.

Mr Olaf Nielsen, Superintendent of  
the Great Northern Telegraph Company,  
Ltd., states that communication with  
Amoy, Shanghai and Stations beyond by  
the Great Northern Telegraph Company's  
Cable was restored yesterday afternoon.

## She Died Yesterday.

Here is a golden yarn from the Land  
of Gold.—Two worthy followers of the royal  
and ancient game were in the habit of daily  
playing together. In the course of time  
one lost his wife, and, on hearing the sad  
news, his friend of the links paid on the  
following morning a call to express his  
sincere sympathy. Condolence having been  
declared, second nature manifested itself:—  
—'You'll not be gawin the day!' There  
was a pause ere the answer came.—'Well  
I'll just tak' me cleeck an' we'll play yin or  
tea hole.' Anyway, she died yesterday.

## Furious Biding.

A Chinese house-boy was out for a  
ride at Kowloon yesterday afternoon on a  
hired bicycle and while coming along  
MacDonnell Road at a pretty high rate of  
speed ran into a Chinese child. The impact  
threw the child into the roadway and on  
being picked up it was found that its leg  
was broken, and it was conveyed to the  
hospital. The defendant was arrested and  
produced at the Magistracy this morning  
by Inspector Langley. Mr H. H. J.  
Gompertz remanded the defendant for a  
week on bail of \$200.

## Band at Kowloon Hotel.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col.  
Iremonger and Officers, the Band of the  
93rd Burma Infantry will play the follow-  
ing programme at the Kowloon Hotel,  
during dinner, to-morrow evening (weather  
permitting):—  
March—'Soldiers of the Guard'—Lively  
Modus—'Modus'—Elliott  
Selection—'The Shop Girl'—Ivan Caryll  
Mazurka—'Slavonic Dance'—Karsky Klav  
Selection—'Way down in Yon-  
—'Sweet Briar'—Knowles  
Barcarolle—'Caracteristique'—Couterno  
—'Save the King'.

## The Dallas Co. in Court.

Mr Vallance, the lessee of the Dallas  
Opera Company was, on the 28th ultimo,  
fined at Madras by Miss Grace Ray for  
\$570 or therabouts, for monies due, we  
learn from a Bombay paper. It appears  
that Miss Ray came out from England and  
joined the Company at Bombay on a con-  
tract. When the Company was last in  
Madras she had to sever her connection  
with the Company owing to illness, and de-  
manded her passages home and expenses due,  
as alleged, under the contract. The claim  
was refused, and hence the action at law.  
The trial has been adjourned for the 15th  
instant to enable Mr Vallance to come to  
Madras to defend his case.

## A Coolie Sentenced.

A coolie, employed at the Water Pol-  
ice Station, was charged at the Magistracy  
this morning with having stolen a silver  
watch and chain the property of a follow-  
employee. The defendant denied the  
charge, but it was shown that he had  
pawed the watch very shortly after it  
was missed. He was positively identi-  
fied by the pawn-broker from amongst  
twenty others as the man who pawed  
the watch, the number of which was known  
to the prosecutor. It was further shown  
that the defendant had been absent from  
the station on the day that the watch was  
missed and returned in the evening with  
some new clothes. He was convicted and  
sentenced to 21 days' hard labour, with six  
hours' stocks.

## No More War.

Commander Colquhoun, of the Com-  
monwealth Naval Defence force, who has  
been acting in the East as the special naval  
correspondent for *The Times*, left Hong-  
kong by the *Empire* to-day for Australia.  
Commander Colquhoun reached the East  
before the outbreak of war, and joined the  
*Hainan* when she was chartered by *The  
Times* as a despatch boat. During his stay  
on board that vessel Commander Colquhoun  
did some excellent special work for *The  
Times*, though he was not able to see much  
naval fighting. The interference of the  
Japanese, which caused *The Times* to re-  
linquish the steamer, robbed Commander  
Colquhoun of any chance of seeing naval  
action and after visiting Korea and other  
places in the north he determined to return  
home. It is significant that in a letter to  
*The Times* some months ago Commander  
Colquhoun foretold the very efforts that  
the Russians are now making to save their  
vessels.

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system aiding digestion, improving  
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efitted by the introduction of Chy-  
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It never fails to give immediate relief and  
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sistance to disease of the lungs and in-  
creases the vitality.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## Notes by the Way.

The English Mail of the 16th July  
was delivered in London on the 15th Aug.

Sir Henry Blake is busying himself  
reforming the Police force of Ceylon. We  
wonder why he did not tackle it here.

## Robert Stievier Released.

Robert Stievier, the notorious book-  
maker, who was recently arrested on a  
charge of perjury arising out of the recent  
slander suit in which he figured as the un-  
successful plaintiff, has been discharged.  
The magistrate who presided at the pre-  
liminary hearing remarked that no jury  
would convict the accused on the evidence  
adduced by the Crown.

## Emperor of Austria's Birthday.

To-morrow being the Birthday of his  
Majesty the Emperor of Austria and King  
of Hungary, Francis Joseph I, the Acting  
Consul for Austria-Hungary, Mr N. Post,  
will be pleased to welcome at the I. and  
R. Consulate, Princes Building, Ice House  
St., between 11 and 12 a.m., the members  
of the Austrian-Hungarian Community,  
and between 12 and 1 his foreign Colleagues  
as well as other Officials and Personalities  
who will be kind enough to call on this  
occasion.

## The B. I. Mail Tender.

Recently we published a telegram from  
Singapore stating that the British India  
Company's tender for carrying mails had  
been accepted. *The Straits Times* says:—  
It would appear that the B. I. mail tender  
includes not merely the service outward  
and homeward to Foully, but also outward  
as well as homeward to Singapore. It is  
reported that it sits at an outward mail  
every other Saturday morning, and a home-  
ward mail every other Thursday evening—  
a division of the business well with the  
P. & O. mail which appears exceedingly  
convenient.

## Stolen Clothes.

Two coolies were charged at the  
Magistracy this morning, before Mr H. H.  
J. Gompertz, one with having stolen  
certain articles of Chinese clothing, and  
the other with having received them into  
his possession, well knowing them to have  
been stolen. Evidence was called to the  
effect that the clothing was stolen from a  
house at Lower Lascar road and was valued  
at \$900. A portion of it was found in the  
defendant's possession. The second de-  
fendant was convicted and sentenced to one  
month's gaol, while the first defendant, on  
the charge of receiving, was remanded until  
to-morrow for further evidence.

## Tram Accidents.

A tram accident which might easily  
have ended very seriously occurred in front  
of the Hongkong Hotel last evening to  
Police Constable No. 9. It appears that  
the Constable was standing on the footboard  
near the front of the car hanging loosely  
on to one of the side grips. He was look-  
ing towards the rear of the car when it  
started off suddenly and drew him forward.  
He struck the ground a few feet in front of  
the moving car and about half way  
across one of the rails. The driver  
was unable to pull the car up in  
time to prevent it from striking the pro-  
spective Constable, and, as it moved forward,  
the guard, in front of the forward wheels of  
the car, struck the constable's right foot  
with such force as to throw him several  
yards clear of the line. The guard un-  
doubtedly saved his life but at the same  
time injured his foot considerably and  
rendered it necessary for him to seek  
medical advice. This morning the officer  
was not fit to be on duty and suffered  
great inconvenience from bruises on  
different parts of his body. Several Chi-  
nese are reported to have received minor  
injuries since the new trams started mov-  
ing owing to their own action in jumping  
off the cars while they were in motion.

## The 'Terrible' at Colombo.

H.M.S. *Terrible* 1st class cruiser, Capt.  
A. T. Stuart, arrived at Colombo on August  
3 on her way to China with a relief crew for  
H.M.S. *Albatross* and other details. Capt. Percy  
Scott, who is so well-known in connection  
with the gun-carriage which he invented  
and who did such distinguished service in  
the Boer war, is no larger with this mag-  
ificent cruiser. He is now at the Gunery  
School, at Whale Island. Since her last  
commission the *Terrible* has partially  
been lying idle at home, and only went  
into commission again in June, for the  
present training trip. The officers  
and 700 men for the *Albatross* are aboard  
her now. On her return from the China  
station the *Terrible* will bring home train-  
expired crews. On the present voyage the  
cruiser was somewhat delayed, and stayed  
four days longer than was expected at  
Perim. This was due, it is believed, to the  
seizure of the P. & O. *Malacca* when our  
relations with Russia were for a time so  
seriously strained. The *Terrible*, by the  
way, passed the *Malacca* flying the Russian  
flag, one day out from Suez. As regards  
the voyage in general, there is really no-  
thing to report beyond the fact that, after  
passing Socotra, pretty rough seas were  
encountered. The *Terrible* began to roll  
then, but soon settled down very comfort-  
ably. She maintained an average speed of  
about 13 knots.

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sistance to disease of the lungs and in-  
creases the vitality.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

['CHINA MAIL'S' EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]  
SUPPLIED BY REUTERS, via BOMBAY.

[Received August 16, 6.30 p.m.]  
THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

RUSSIAN MEN-OF-WAR AT  
KIAOCHAU.

## Disarmament Desired by Russia.

LONDON, August 16.  
The London *Standard* and the  
*Morning Post* Berlin correspondents  
state that it is understood that the  
decision to disarm the Russian men-of-  
war, at present in Kiaochau and retain  
them until the conclusion of the war  
was fully approved of by Russia.  
It is stated that the disarmament was  
actually desired by Russia, and the  
proposal was first of all submitted to the  
Kaiser for ratification.

## [REUTERS' SERVICE.]

## TOGO'S GOOD FORTUNE.

LONDON, August 16.  
Admiral Togo's squadron is practically  
uninjured, the *Mikasa* suffered the most  
but remains in the fighting line; total  
casualties 197. Admiral Kamimura's  
casualties were slight.

## RUSSIAN CRUISERS.

The *Gowkha* has been stopped and de-  
layed half an hour off Sagres (Portugal) by  
the Russian cruiser *Eon*, recently the Ger-  
man liner *Friedrich*.

THE RUSSIAN WAR SHIPS IN  
KIAOCHAU.

The Russian war ships at Kiaochau  
have been ordered to dismantle as they are  
unable to put to sea within the prescribed  
time.

THE SEIZURE OF THE  
'RETSHELITNY'.

The Russian Minister at Peking in lodging  
his protest against the seizure of the  
*Retshelitny*, charges the Chinese Govern-  
ment with complicity in the affair. He  
also charges the Chinese Government  
with cowardice or treason. He demands  
a full explanation, the restoration of  
the destroyer, and the severe punishment  
of the Commodore. China now demands  
that Japan restore the *Retshelitny*.

## NEW RUSSIAN LOAN.

ONE HUNDRED MILLION  
ROUBLES.

## Loan Issued by France.

LONDON, August 16.  
The *Standard's* Moscow correspondent  
telegraphed that Russia has been  
successful in arranging for a new loan  
of one hundred million roubles from  
France. The interest on the loan is 5  
per cent, and the price realised was  
99½. The loan is for six years.

## THE TSAR'S BOUNTY.

## KNOUT TO BE ABOLISHED.

## Thanksgiving for the Heir.

LONDON, August 16.  
It is stated in St. Petersburg that the  
Tsar, in order to mark the occasion of  
the birth of a Tsarevitch, intends to  
issue a manifesto, which will include an  
order for the abolition of the use of the  
knout for exiles.

It is also believed that corporal  
punishment generally will be done away  
with.

## [REUTERS' SERVICE.]

PROROGATION OF PARLIA-  
MENT.

LONDON, August 15.  
Parliament is prorogued.

## Unjust Scales.

A Chinese comprador was fined \$100  
at the Magistracy, this morning, by Mr J.  
H. Kemp, on a charge of having unjust scales  
in his possession. The scales were ob-  
tained at the defendant's place of business,  
and were shown to be untrue to the extent  
of about five per cent, in consequence  
of a piece of iron having been attached to  
them so as to make them weigh in the  
defendant's favour.

## Criminal Sessions.

The August Criminal Sessions com-  
mence to-morrow, when the following cases  
will be disposed of:—Chan Kong, child  
stealing; Chau Hong, alias Ho Hong and  
Chan Asam, child stealing; Tong Yan Tak  
wounding with intent to do grievous bodily  
harm; Cheung Tak Han, alias Chuk Yu,  
three counts of embezzlement; Cheung  
Tak Han, alias Chuk Yu, uttering forged  
receipt for money and obtaining property  
upon a forged order; Hau Woo, malici-  
ously wounding and wounding with intent  
to do grievous bodily harm; Lam Fat,  
uttering a forged bill and obtaining property  
by means of a false instrument; Lo Wei  
and Chu Pan, larceny and receiving stolen  
property.

ZYMOLLE TOOTH POWDER, a perfect  
antiseptic dentifrice, cleanses and pre-  
serves the teeth.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE NEW TERRITORY.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Aug. 17, 1904.

SIR,—With the electric tramways con-  
structed, Hongkong has advanced another  
step. So far it seems very well with re-  
gard to this side of the Harbour, but when  
one looks across the sea, one is apt to  
think that nothing seems to have been done  
towards developing the vast, unexplored,  
and yet fertile plain of the New Territory.  
For years we have heard outside over the  
overcrowding condition of the Colony, and  
yet no one seems to think of a bet-  
ter way to remove the difficulty  
than what is at present done by the  
Sanitary Board. Does the idea not  
occur to every reasonable thinker that im-  
mediate communication with the interior  
by building a bridge across the sea would  
solve the overcrowding question. Mr  
Rumsey, the late Harbour master, on the  
out of his departure brushed the subject  
in his last report, in which he dealt with  
the matter at length, pointing out that such  
a bridge would not only be remunerative  
but that it was necessary in a densely-  
populated Colony like Hongkong. It  
would also help considerably in opening up  
the New Territory as furthering the com-  
mercial interests of Hongkong. But at  
the time no one seemed to cast a thought  
on the matter.

It may be argued that a bridge across  
the small channel would endanger the posi-  
tion of Hongkong from a strategic point  
of view, but this is a foolish idea compared  
with the fact that immense benefit would be  
derived from the undertaking, and that the  
'knalled danger' is not in the least  
likely to come at all. Now that His  
Excellency, Major Sir Matthew Nathan is  
Governor, it is hoped that he will view the  
matter in a different light, and that before  
he leaves the shores of this small island,  
great improvements towards opening the  
New Territory will have resulted.—Yours,  
etc.,

## ADVANCEMENT.

## THE ELECTRIC TRAMS.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

SIR,—That the advent of the electric  
street car is a welcome one, and one that  
will make suburban extension and many  
other improvements possible, goes without  
saying, but that extension must have that  
will prevent our highest expectations of  
the new service from being realized for  
some time at least will best be to under-  
stood by a trip on the new line.

The writer was bold enough to invite a  
couple of lady friends for a run out to Sha-  
kuiwan on Monday evening without taking  
the precaution of testing the service first.  
The result was far from satisfactory, and  
the experience is recounted for the benefit  
of others who may be looking out for  
pleasure in their pastimes. Two hours  
for the round trip was our informa-  
tion. A start was made from Pedder  
Street at 6 o'clock, precisely  
first train offering, and we were  
'Kiaochau' to the Metropole. In very  
good time, after a fairly pleasant, though  
somewhat crowded journey, we were landed  
at the latter division point and there  
invited by the courteous tram official to stop  
inside the hotel grounds and take a seat  
which would be along in about three min-  
utes. We waited, however, till 6.30 p.m.  
when the first train for Shaikuiwan arrived  
from town, but it was crowded, and the  
few seats vacated by passengers alighting  
at this point were immediately seized by  
those standing or by some of the other  
passengers for whom beyond the Metropole  
who had been dumped by previous cars.  
A second Shaikuiwan car passed through at  
about 6.40 and a third about 6.52 p.m.  
Had seats for two been available in the 6.30  
car we would have tried to carry out our  
programme, but failing that we determined  
to get back to town. While we were wait-  
ing and up to 6.10 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.  
town had reached, and turned back  
from the Metropole, but from that  
time until 7.32 not a single car of any  
description could be had to the City, which  
shows that the Shaikuiwan service is not  
the only one requiring a little adjustment.  
Not being patrons of the *Health* re-  
sulting within whose hospital gates we had  
invited, we did not see that we should take  
up room in the garden adjoining same.  
However, we did find that the granite slab  
on the roadside on which we sat was a bit















